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Dear OCC Acting Director:

This letter describes how Arctic Slope Native Association plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- ASNA Social Services is considering increasing rates for providers who continue to provide childcare services.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- ASNA Social Services will address the implementation of virus mitigation policies and practices by purchasing PPE supplies for children and adults, cleaning and disinfecting supplies for furniture, toys, and clothing. Will provide educational materials and safety supplies for providers.
- ASNA Social Services is researching different HEPA Air Purification Systems to purchase with the CRRSA funds for providers.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- There is no plans on spending funds under this category at this time.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- We are planning to assist licensed providers, however still waiting for guidance from OCC for this category.

5. Other

- ASNA Social Services plans to hire a new staff member to provide health and safety support to providers. This staff will also support the providers and children in care by providing emotional support by engaging, developing activities, and supporting them through social/emotional services to providers and children.
- ASNA Social Services plan to utilize the CRRSA funds to purchase a fingerprint laptop to support an efficient gathering of provider fingerprints, easier access to fingerprint machines, and support the criminal history check procedures.

The Arctic Slope Native Association will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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